

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
HOME AFFAIRS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:132

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MIGRATION OF MINORITY COMMUNITY FROM J & K

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Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether a large number of people belonging to the minority community have migrated from the terrorism affected areas of Jammu and Kashmir due to the withdrawal of troops of para-military forces from those areas;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the people belonging to minority community of the State are being threatened by the terrorists for conversion of their religion; and

(d) the details of the action taken for the security of the minorities in the terrorism affected areas of Jammu and Kashmir?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI SRIPRAKASH JAISWAL)

(a)to(c): No, Sir. There are no reports that the people belonging to the minority community have migrated or are being threatened by terrorists. There has been no withdrawal of Central Para Military Forces from the State of Jammu & Kashmir.

(d): Various steps have been taken for the security of the minorities in J&K which include :-

(i) Pickets of Security Forces (SFs) have been established in the villages/clusters inhabited by minority community in Kashmir valley.

(ii) Adequate weaponry and communication facilities are provided at these pickets with the nearest SF units entrusted with the task of area sanitization around the pocket.

(iii) Village Defence Committees (VDCs) have been established at far-flung areas inhabited by minority community members in Jammu province.

(iv) The Security Forces conduct frequent patrolling in the hinterland and areas inhabited by minority community members at these locations.